## ABSOLUTELY PURE

THAT BROTHER OF MINE.

Who is it comes in like a whirlwind And closes the doors with a slam, And, before he has taken his hat off,

And, before he has taken his hat off, Callsout for "some bread and some jarn?" Who is it that whistles so boddy, As he works at some tangle of twine That will send as kite up into cloudland? Why, of course it's that brother of mine.

Who is it that, when I am weary,

Has always a hole in his coat.

A button to sew on in a hurry.

A sail to be made for a beat?

Who is it that keeps in my basket.

His marbles and long fishing line,

And expects, undisturbed, there to find

. No one cise but that brother of mine.

Who is it that tiptoes about softly, Whenever I'm sick or in pain, And is every affinite forgetting And whistling some head splitti Who is it that when he is trying To be just as still as he can,

Is always most terribly noisy? My brother, of course-he's the man.

Who is it I'd rather have by me When in need of a true, honest friend; Who is it that I shall miss sailly When his boyleood has come to an end? And when he is far from the old home, And I long for a glimpse of sunshine, Whom then do you think I shall send for?

-Agnes L. Pratt in Good Housekeeping. GIRLS CAN KEEP SECRETS.

#### Oathbound Greek Letter Societies That

Exist in Colleges for Women. means. They have quite as good times in their petticoat nines and secret societies as in any gathering in which the young men participate. The invitations of the Greek letter fraternities are strange and mysteri-ous to the last degree, and are all that student ingenuity and originality can devise. One of the chief charms to the uninitiated is the spell of mystery that enshrines all and the precious documents that are never touched by strange hands.

In this room only are told the significance of the budge, the motto and the real name of the fraternity, and all the secrets that never penetrate those silent walls. Of the initiations are duly imposing, and all sorts of tricks are played to test the nerves of the candidate. One chapter conducts the bewildered initiate through all the mazes and labyrinths of the inferno as expounded by Dante with due impressiveness. Generally the whole proceedings wind up with a feast. The girls' initiation do not partake of that roughness or brutality which often chacterizes such ceremo nies in the men's fraternities, such as her desi strapping the delighted victim to a derrick mitter. dangle in midair while he reflects upon the novelty of the situation and makes a mental note of his impressions, or lowering him in a colling that he novel colling that he nove him in a coffin that he may contemplate the divine mysteries of the new order. Sometime even the location of the chapter

hall is not known outside the fraternity. In one of the western colleges where considerable antagonism sprang up against establishment of women's chapters. Now if there is anything in the world that a co-ed wishes to do, it is just what she is forbidden to do, and what is more she will generally contrive to do it too. After a while the faculty began to suspect that their prohibition had not had just the effect it was intended to have. A committee of several co-eds among the mostel students was appointed by the authorities to act as detectives and report the result of their in detectives and report the result of their in

The girls reported that they had found means of access was through a dark room,

## Subduing a Polar Bear.

Settling family quarrels in a household like that of Bidel, the French lion tamer, was no tridling matter. One day in the midst of an exercise by the wild animals the polar bear became angry and attacked an inoffensive elephant,

The elephant showed no surprise, but prepared to destroy his assailant. Bidel, however, hastened to interpose. The bear released the elephant, and hugging Bidel in released the elephant, and hugging Bidel in his long arms began to strangle him. But for his wonderful self possession Bidel on the right side. "But, mambas long arms began to strangle him. But on the right side."—Philadelphia Record. would have been lost.

He had stout, solid flats, and he pounded all was quiet again. - Youth's Companion. POROUS ELEPHANT'S HIDE.

The Big Creatures Suffer Terribly from Attacks of Voracious Flies,

The elephant is formed for dignity and in his wild state his every motion expresses it. He holds his head up, so that his trunk when dropped at full length does not touch the ground, his ears are particularly ele-vated and move freely, and he looks every inch a monarch; but humbled by captivity he hangs his head so that he has to curl up the end of his trunk to keep it off the ground; his cars hang limp and listless, nd by has a way of gathering up straw and spreading it over the top of and back till be looks perfectly a numbering fool, a very king of

a sally looking habit," said a keeper, "has its cause. Elephants are subject to sunstroke. That may seem untruthful to say about an maimal which lives in the hottest part of Asia and Africa; but remember he lives there in leafy forests, well shaded, and when captured and made to

"Files bother an elephant," continued the keeper, "more than you would think possible when you consider the thickness Why, of course, for that brother of mine. of his skin. Did you ever examine an ele phant skin closely? I dare say not. You are like the Sunday school boy whose eacher asked the class if they had ever seen an elephant skin. 'Yes,' said one boy, In the coeducational colleges the girls englished with asked the teacher, in In the coeducational colleges the girls are not dependent upon the caprice of the young men for extertainment by any means. They have suited as a control of the control of

"But if you had examined one closely you would see that the pores are as big in proportion as the hide is thick, and a hig quito can run his saw into one of these big tunnels as easily as a hummingbird can run his long bill and tongue into the funnel shaped honeysuckle. I have seen a big elephant all dotted with his own blood and mad as a hornet from these tiny pests the ceremonies. Every chapter has its room or hail, where are kept the sacred emblems, the white goat upon which all initiates must ride into full membership it."—New York Tribune. lt."-New York Tribune

"Hello, Charley! Are you busy just

Apparently Charley was not, for she continued, "Oh, yes, I had a lovely time, but don't you think"—

Here there came a strange pause and with a pencil she tapped idly on a light piece of board which she had taken from her desk and was holding before the trans-

was telegraphing. So when she returned to her desk he remarked, "I notice you have an original method of telephoning."
"Oh, did you see that? Well, I'll tell fraternities the authorities determined to you about it, but you must not give it abolish the chapters already in existence and took every means to discourage their growth. A rule was made forbidding the growth. A rule was made forbidding the growth. A rule was made forbidding the growth. away. You see I can't use the telephone

no clew whatever to follow out and that having made a careful investigation had a glimpse of Washington on the morning found no evidences of infringement of the rule. Of course murder will out, and it ic, burning narrative of one who at dawn full flower on Christmas day. Afterward was subsequently learned that three of the took up his station at a street corner, a five on the committee belonged to a frater-block or two from the house where Linnity which had enjoyed a flourishing existence for a long time. The young women met in a storeroom in the upper part of a business block in the town. The only of the great last Dies Ira, with mankind

the more the western college girl enjoys the risk. She wants nothing mild, and if cried so load and so clear that it seemed

awoke from its frozen silence, and was vocal with the sound of one vast imment.-Dorothy Lundt in Boston Commonwealth.

A Spring Garden street mamma told her 6-year-old daughter that she had two sides to her nature, the right side and the wrong, and cautioned her always to follow the

At an "up to date" wedding in Bowling them on the bear's nostrils until the animal relaxed his grip. Then be wrenched himself free and gave the bear a vigorous beat were welcomed after the ceremony at the church the state when his grip. self free and gave the near a vigorous near-ing with a stout stick. In a few moments all was quiet again.—Youth's Companion.

#### REMOVING A PEA FROM THE EAR.

It Had Remained There For Twenty-one

Years Without Causing Trouble. Extracting a foreign body from the ear is an operation which the physician is fre-quently called upon to perform. Many chillren seem to have a decided weakness for stowing peas, beans, buttons and various other small articles in their ears, which in some cases produce very serious disturb-ances. An interesting case was recently recorded in The Lancet by Dr. Pritchard.

The foreign body in this case remained

in the ear 21 years without causing any turgent symptom. The physician said he in swallowing and of an acute pain in the right ear. The throat inflammation quicksubsided and in a few days the throat had resumed its normal condtion. The eariche, however, persisted.

When asked as to whether she had had zically any ear trouble previously, she said that "for some years past she had suffered from occasional neuralgic pains and a sense of something being in the ear." She did not think she was particularly deaf, but had noticed lately that she had acquired the habit of turning her left ear when listening to any feeble sounds. She then stated that when a child, 21 years ago, she remembered placing a pen in her ear in imitation of her nurse, who was performing the sleight of hand trick of inserting a pea in her ear and withdrawing it from her nose. She placed a pea in her ear, but was unable to complete the feat. A doctor was sent for, but after repeated attempts, all endeavors to remove the foreign body were abandoned, owing to her struggling. It was hoped the pea would work its way out, and her

friends always believed it had done so, shaded, and when captured and make work in the sunshine or stand in it for exhibition his head should be covered or he hibition his head should be covered or he oil was applied on two or three occasions, our was syringed with warm was After removal of some of the wax a dark, rounded body was distinctly visible. Syringing failed to remove it, and a fine, silver wire snare was carefully pushed beyoud it, and the body was dislodged, which, on examination, proved to be an ordinary pea. The pea was much shriveled, and a portion of it was covered with epidermis,-New York World.

#### Japanese Music.

The appreciation of Japanese music can carcely prove an easy acquirement to Eu-opeans. Apart from the feebler quality of the tone of the instruments and its singu-lar character, Japanese music takes ex-He rose to his feet excitedly and began lar character, Japanese music takes extremely complicated forms and demands the most delicate phrasing to express its individuality. "My own experience," remarked Mr. Pigott, "has been that even in the first grade tunes it required 90 or 30 the accent on that last word was too contremely complicated forms and demands the first grade tunes it required 20 or 30 vincing, and I didn't stop a minute longer lessons to enable one to grasp the delicate to inculcate any great moral truths. I simnuances of many of the passages." He expresses the opinion that unless Japanese musicians come and play to us in England accurate knowledge of their art and appreclation of their craft can only arise in the west very gradually.

The best way to appreciate Japanese music is to hear it performed by native musicians, without prepossessions of any kind or the prejudices of travelers, and to hear it with ears undebauched—as an eastern critic might put it—by the modern orchestra, for custom in this matter, as in others, is somewhat of a tyrant. It is hardly possible, indeed, that the music of the sami-sen heard for the first time in Japanese streets should be appreciated by the tourist accustomed to such street harmonies as are afforded by the cornet soloist, the piano organ or the German band.

Japanese music should be studied, in fact, as the youthful Japanese learn it, by the car only and experience of the instru-ment, for it is one of the many paradoxes of the art that it is taught entirely by rote and chiefly by blind professors. Women and bind men comprise the musical profession in Japan. It is odd that a people cultivating music on these terms should possess music books at all or beat the pains of devising a system of notation.—Saturday

## The "Miraculous" or "Holy Thorn."

At Glastoniury ubbey in Somersetshire, England, once stood a thorn tree which it is said bloomed every Christmas morning. Austen-The first authentic account of it ever writ- top of his head.-Life. ten was in 1772 by a Mr. Eyston, who tells of it in the account of his visit to the ab-bey. The keeper assured Mr. Eyston that St. Joseph of Arimathea landed not far from the town, at a place where there was formerly an oak that had been planted to memory; that he and his companions marched to a hill and rested themselves, and that Joseph stuck his staff in the ground.

Now, this staff was a common dry hawthe tree, which had thus grown and budded like Aaron's rod, always bloomed on the day of Our Lord's nativity and upon no other day, the flower, like that of the night blooming cerens, lasting but a few hours Many queer stories have been told of the "Miraculous Thorn of Glastonbury." It was said that if the chips from it were planted they would sprout and grow like potatoes; that the leaves cured all inflammations, swellings, etc., and that "rods" cut from it would never leave marks on the children corrected by their use,-St. Louis Republic

## The Duel Wasn't Fought.

In connection with journalists' responsi-bilities, M. de Cassagnac relates an anec dote he heard from M. de Villemessant, the founder of the Paris Figure.

Insulted daily in a Belgian paper by a writer whose nom de plume was "Marco Spada" (a likely name for a bravo), M. de Villemessant took the train to Brussels with two friends and a pair of swords. On his arrival he wrote to Marco Spada that at 2 p. m. sharp he should call on him to arrange an encounter. On the stroke of 2 M. de Villemessant appeared at the editorial office and asked for "Marco Spada." What was his amazement on seeing an old lady all wrinkled and with curls about the ears appear from behind a small window, and on hearing the reply, "I am Marco Spada, sir, and am at your orders!"—New York

cently published papers, applies the three Newtonian laws to explain the interactions of chemical molecules, with this difference only, that atoms have a specific coefficient of attraction varying with the nature of the atom concerned, whereas the specific coefficient of gravity is the same for all bodies independent of their composition or datter.-Science.

## Emigrant Immigrants.

Sixty per cent of the Hungarians, more than half of the Italians, 35 per cent of the Austrians and Bohemians, 20 per cent of the British, 18 per cent of the Germans, 40 per cent of the Irish and 10 per cent of the Scamlinavians who came to the United States between 1880 and 1890 returned to their native lands in the decade, the ma jority taking money to invest at the old

## The Last Thing to Happen.

"I'm feeling very ill again, doctor. Do

you think I'm going to die?"
"My dear madam, compose yourself.

HE HAD BEEN.

He Was a Man of Experience and Knew

Whereof He Spoke. I had heard numerous stories of the diffiulties attending charen services in the mountains along the upper waters of the who came to pray remained to shoot, and also of various killings that had occurred when mountaineers of diverse and adverse personal opinions congregated at the rude meeting houses, but placed little credence in them. I was ruminating upon this sub-The foreign body in this case remained in the car 21 years without causing any tregent symptom. The physician said he was called to see a married woman and found her to be suffering from a case of tonsilitis. She complained of much pain in swallowing and of an acute pain in the

"Good day," I said. "Are there any churches in this vicinity?"
"Meetin houses round here, you mean?"

he responded quite affably, though quiz-"The same," I nodded.

"Thar's one about four mile down the branch. "Any preaching there today?"
"No; but thar wuz last Sunday. Won's

be no more now fer a month." 'You don't have it very often," I ven "It's a good thing we don't," he said say

agely.
"Why? Don't you go to church?" "I waz last Sunday."
"That the only time!"

"I wuz about six year afore that."
"Great goodness, man!" I exclaimed.
"You ought to do better than that. Don't you know you have an immortal soul to

Save? "Got a hide, too, I reckon," he replied rather vaguely to my comprehension.
"What does that have to do with it?"

He smiled almost pityingly.
"Reckon you hain't never been to meetin in these parts, have you?" he asked. "Never," I said.

"Never seen the time when two or three wuz gethered together an thar to bless, have you?"

"Never seen the Ten Commandments blowed full of bullet holes, have you?" "Never,"

"Never seen the sermon on the mount peppered with a gunful of buckshot an slugs, have you?" 'Never."

"Never seen the gospel of peace on earth.

good will to men, tore open from Dan to Beersheby with a winchester, have you?" "Never." And by this time I was almost

ply said goodby and went my way.-New

#### Mrs. de Pink-I am amazed, sir, that

you should propose to my daughter. Why, she is just out of boarding school, and you have not known her a week.

Young Man (a smart fellow) - True, madam, but I have known you for some time, and everybody says your daughter takes after you.—New York Weekly.

#### One Better.

high heels were out of fashion, but I saw a woman on the street today with heels on her shoes fully two inches high. Potts—That's nothing, I saw a woman on the stage last night the heels of whose shoes were higher than her head.-Indianapolis Journal.

Watts-I had supposed that excessively

#### Renewing Old Acquaintance. "By the way, you remember Miss Krel-

linger, whom so many of the boys went wild over, don't you's" "Yes, and I used to think she was a girl that deserved a good husband.

"Well, I married her." "You? You astonish me."-Chicago Trib-

The Only Way. Haverly-They say old Soak has water on

Austen-Then he must have a hole on the

A Revised Saying. It's a poor mule that doesn't work both ways.-Texas Siftings.

Morals and the Modes. Twas at the meeting of the ways The maiden pensive stood, Puzzled to know which road would lead Most safely through the wood.

A straight and narrow pathway led Directly to her goal, Most trying for her gown and hat And wearing for her sole

A broader road led deviously, But smoothly thitherward, And which to take this maiden fair Had found exceeding hard.

At last she started, with a fixed Decision in her eye.
"I'll take the crooked road," she said,
"And I will tell you why:

"I do not like to struggle with The underbrush and leave." Besides, the other is by far Sesides, the other is 57.

Too narrow for my sleeves."

—Detroit Free Press.



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she is in for a prank goes into it with all the cry rung out to the confines of the her might,—Chicago Herald.

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